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[1](#)1. (U) Classified by DCM Richard Albright for reasons
1.5 (b) and (d).

[1](#)2. This is an action request; please see paragraph 5.

[1](#)3. (C) Senior Comoff and Econoff met on March 1 with
members of the Executive Council of the National
Businesswomen's Committee in Abu Dhabi, who
enthusiastically agreed to participate in the MEET

U.S. program administered by the Department of Commerce, and will forward nominations to Post by the end of the week. The women were especially excited about the program's full week of basic business training since the Council had earlier discussed similar training (writing a business plan, managing business accounts, etc.) with visiting NEA/RA Director Gary Grappo in the context of MEPI.

¶4. (C) Members of the Executive Committee in Abu Dhabi recalled Grappo's visit to the UAE in February (ref A) and asked for an update on MEPI initiatives. Econoff noted that the MEET U.S. program is the type of exchange program envisioned under MEPI, but that additional specific programs -- including a UAE-focused businesswomen's mentoring initiative discussed generally by Grappo during his visit here -- are not yet in place. Comment: If the Executive Committee's reaction to the MEET U.S. program is any indication, MEPI programs for UAE businesswomen -- once they come to the UAE -- will be met with great enthusiasm. End comment.

¶5. (C) Action request: In his meeting with the Executive Council, Grappo agreed to forward a list of prominent businesswomen in America, with whom the Council could explore the possibility of a U.S-UAE businesswomen-mentoring program. The Emiratis would like to have this list in advance of the first country-wide forum of UAE businesswomen on March 26-27 in Dubai, in order to discuss "next steps" with conference participants. Post would appreciate any input the Department could provide prior to March 26.

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